

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims reflects all claim amendments and replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Material to be inserted is in **bold and underline**, and material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or (if the deletion is of five or fewer consecutive characters or would be difficult to see) in double brackets [[]].

Please amend claims 1, 8, 12, and 13 as indicated below and add new claims 14-20:

1. (Currently amended) A needle-free injection device, comprising:

a syringe assembly configured to draw in and expel injectable fluid, the syringe assembly being configured to expel injectable fluid upon application of pressurized gas to the syringe assembly from a gas reservoir; and

a marking assembly configured to place a mark on or near an injection site to indicate an injection has occurred, the marking assembly being fluidly coupled with the needle-free injection device, such that the marking **assembly** ~~device~~ is activated upon post-injection venting of the needle-free injection device.
2. (Original) The needle-free injection device of claim 1, where the marking assembly includes a housing adapted to retain a fluid reservoir.
3. (Original) The needle-free injection device of claim 2, where the fluid reservoir terminates in a nib adapted to draw fluid from within the fluid reservoir out of the fluid reservoir.

4. (Original) The needle-free injection device of claim 3 wherein the housing terminates in an outlet through which the nib at least partially extends.

5. (Original) The needle-free injection device of claim 4 including a fluid pathway adapted to direct exhaust gas from the syringe assembly across the nib and out of the outlet.

6. (Previously presented) The needle-free injection device of claim 3, where a slidable valve assembly fluidly couples the gas reservoir with the housing such that exhaust gas from the gas reservoir is directed over a tip of the marking instrument.

7. (Original) The needle-free injection device of claim 1, where the syringe assembly includes a slidable valve assembly configured to control buildup and release of pressure within the gas reservoir, the slidable valve assembly being progressively movable from a fired position to a stored position, where:

when the slidable valve assembly is moved from the fired position to the stored position the slidable valve assembly fluidly couples the gas reservoir with the marking assembly.

8. (Currently amended) A needle-free injection device comprising:

a user-grippable housing;

a syringe assembly movably secured to the housing and configured to expel injectable fluid out of ~~[[the]]~~ a nozzle upon application of a pressurized gas to the syringe assembly;

a pressurized gas delivery mechanism disposed within the housing and configured to ~~selective~~ selectively apply pressurized gas to the syringe assembly; and

a marking assembly configured to place a mark on or near an injection site to indicate an injection has occurred, the marking assembly being fluidly coupled with the needle-free injection device, such that the marking device is activated by post-injection exhaust gas from the gas delivery mechanism.

9. (Original) The needle-free injection device of claim 8 wherein the exhaust gas is directed to the marking assembly upon post-injection venting of the needle-free injection device.

10. (Original) The needle-free injection device of claim 8 wherein the marking assembly includes a housing configured to retain a fluid reservoir.

11. (Original) The needle-free injection device of claim 10 wherein the fluid reservoir is a marker having a nib.

12. (Currently amended) The needle-free injection device of claim 11 wherein the exhaust gas is directed over the nib of the marker and onto ~~[[the]]~~ a surface of an injection recipient.

13. (Currently amended) A needle-free injection device, comprising;

a gas reservoir;

a syringe assembly configured to expel injectable fluid out of a nozzle upon application of pressurized gas from the gas reservoir to the syringe assembly;

a pressurized gas delivery mechanism adapted to apply pressurized gas to the syringe assembly;

a marking assembly configured to place a mark on or near an injection site to indicate an injection has occurred; and

an exhaust gas pathway configured to direct at least a portion of **post-injection** exhaust gas from the pressurized gas delivery mechanism to the marking assembly.

14. (New) A needle-free injection device comprising:

a syringe assembly configured to expel injectable fluid upon application of a pressurized gas to the syringe assembly;

a pressurized gas delivery mechanism configured to selectively apply pressurized gas to the syringe assembly; and

a marking assembly configured to place a mark on or near an injection site to indicate an injection has occurred, the marking assembly being fluidly coupled with the gas delivery mechanism, such that the marking assembly is activated upon post-injection venting of the gas delivery mechanism.

15. (New) The needle-free injection device of claim 14 wherein the marking assembly includes a housing configured to retain a fluid reservoir.

16. (New) The needle-free injection device of claim 15, where the fluid reservoir terminates in a nib adapted to draw fluid from within the fluid reservoir out of the fluid reservoir.

17. (New) The needle-free injection device of claim 16 wherein exhaust gas from the post-injection venting of the gas delivery mechanism is directed over the nib and onto a surface of an injection recipient.

18. (New) The needle-free injection device of claim 14 wherein the syringe assembly includes a slidable valve assembly configured to control buildup and release of pressurized gas.

19. (New) The needle-free injection device of claim 18 wherein the slidable valve assembly is progressively movable from a fired position to a stored position, thereby fluidly coupling the marking assembly with the pressurized gas delivery mechanism.

20. (New) The needle-free injection device of claim 19 wherein the marking assembly is fluidly coupled with the gas delivery mechanism by an air passage configured to direct airflow of post-injection exhaust gas to the marking assembly.